

What is claimed is:

1. A floral container, comprising:
an upper end, a closed lower end, a first side, a second side, a first panel, a second panel, and an expansion element in the closed lower end, the expansion element having an inner fold which extends from the first side to the second side, the closed lower end having a convexly curved portion and the upper end having a curved upper peripheral edge, the floral container having a tapered shape in an initially flattened condition.
2. The floral container of claim 1 wherein the inner fold is a curved inner fold.
3. The floral container of claim 2 wherein the curved inner fold is concave.
4. The floral container of claim 1 wherein the inner fold is a straight inner fold.

5. The floral container of claim 1 further defined as constructed from a material selected from the group consisting of treated or untreated paper, metal foil, polymeric film, non-polymeric film, cardboard, fiber, cloth, burlap, and laminations of combinations thereof.

6. The floral container of claim 1 having a substantially frustoconical shape when in the open state.

7. A plant package comprising a pot having a floral grouping therein, and a floral container disposed about the pot, the plant package produced by the method comprising:

providing a floral container comprising an upper end, a closed lower end, a first side, a second side, a first panel, a second panel, and an expansion element in the closed lower end, the expansion element having an inner fold which extends from the first side to the second side, the closed lower end having a convexly curved portion and the upper end having a curved upper peripheral edge, the floral container having a tapered shape in an initially flattened condition;

opening the floral container to expose an inner retaining space in the floral container; and

disposing a pot having a floral grouping therein into the inner retaining space of the floral container.

8. The plant package of claim 7 wherein in the step of providing a floral container, the inner fold of the expansion element is a curved inner fold.

9. The plant package of claim 8 wherein the curved inner fold is concave.

10. The plant package of claim 7 wherein in the step of providing a floral container, the inner fold of the floral container is straight.

11. The plant package of claim 7 wherein in the step of providing a floral container, the floral container is further defined as constructed from a material selected from the group consisting of treated or untreated paper, metal foil, polymeric film, non-polymeric film, cardboard, fiber, cloth, burlap, and laminations of combinations thereof.

12. The plant package of claim 7 wherein in the step of providing a floral container, the floral container has a substantially frustoconical shape when in the open state.

13. The plant package of claim 7 wherein the floral container is secured about the pot via a bonding element.

14. A method of covering a pot having a floral grouping therein, comprising:

providing a floral container comprising an upper end, a closed lower end, a first side, a second side, a first panel, a second panel, and an expansion element in the closed lower end, the expansion element having an inner fold which extends from the first side to the second side, the closed lower end having a convexly curved portion and the upper end having a curved upper peripheral edge, the floral container having a tapered shape in an initially flattened condition;

opening the floral container to expose an inner retaining space in the floral container; and

disposing a pot having a floral grouping therein into the inner retaining space of the floral container.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein in the step of providing a floral container, the inner fold of the expansion element is a curved inner fold.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein the curved inner fold is concave.

17. The method of claim 14 wherein in the step of providing a floral container, the inner fold of the floral container is straight.

18. The method of claim 14 wherein in the step of providing a floral container, the floral container is further defined as constructed from a material selected from the group consisting of treated or untreated paper, metal foil, polymeric film, non-polymeric film, cardboard, fiber, cloth, burlap, and laminations of combinations thereof.

19. The method of claim 14 wherein in the step of providing a floral container, the floral container has a substantially frustoconical shape when in the open state.

20. The method of claim 14 comprising the additional step of securing the floral container about the pot via a bonding element.

21. A floral container initially having a flattened condition, the floral container comprising:

a lower portion having a closed lower end, a first side, a second side, a first panel, a second panel, and an inwardly folded portion in the closed lower end, the inwardly folded portion having an inner fold which extends from the first side to the second side, the closed lower end having a convexly curved portion and the lower portion having a tapered shape in the initially flattened condition; and

an upper portion extending from the lower portion and detachable therefrom via a detaching element, wherein when the upper portion is detached, the lower portion is left with an upper peripheral edge.

22. The floral container of claim 21 wherein the inner fold is a curved inner fold.

23. The floral container of claim 22 wherein the curved inner fold is concave.

24. The floral container of claim 21 wherein the inner fold is a straight inner fold.

25. The floral container of claim 21 further defined as constructed from a material selected from the group consisting of treated or untreated paper, metal foil, polymeric film, non-polymeric film, cardboard, fiber, cloth, burlap, and laminations of combinations thereof.

26. The floral container of claim 21 having a substantially frustoconical shape when in the open state.

27. The floral container of claim 21 wherein the upper peripheral edge which is left after detaching the upper portion is curved.